



## REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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 Commissioner for Patents  
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Application Number	09/409,940
Filing Date	9/30/1999
First Named Inventor	Bullis et al.
Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	Ferris III, F.
Attorney Docket Number	RAL9-99-0056/1474P

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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a.  Previously submittedi.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_b.  Enclosedi.  Preliminary Amendmentiii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0563 (IBM Corporation)i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$790.00ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosedc.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Attorney Name Janyce R. Mitchell, Reg. No: 40,095

Signature

Date December 1, 2004

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date: December 1, 2004

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